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CLAIMS

Please amend claim 7 and add new claim 15.

1-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) A protector pad for use with a piece of furniture with legs, said pad comprising a flat body of a certain thickness and two pad faces:

- a lower pad face (22) which is soft, destined to slide against delicate surfaces without scratching them and,
- an upper pad face (26) destined to be fixed to the bottom of said leg (28) of said piece of furniture, said flat body being constituted of two pieces, each having a certain thickness : a base (32) and a sole (34); said base comprising a fabric (38) with a superior face forming said upper pad face and an inferior face (36) comprising first means for assembly; said sole comprising a lower layer (46) whose inferior face forms said lower pad face (22), a central layer (48) comprising a reinforced material and an upper layer (42) with a superior face (43) comprising second means for assembly to assemble said sole (34) to said base (32), wherein said first means of assembly comprise a number of grabbing member hooks (36) providing a high shear resistance having a mushroom shape.

8. (Original) The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said second means of assembly (42) comprise fibers forming arches (44).

9. (Previously presented) The protector pad of claim 8 wherein the material of said upper layer (42) of said sole (34) comprises a felt the fibers thereof forming said arches.

10. (Original) The protector pad of claim 9 wherein said felt comprises materials from a group comprising polyester and natural fibers.

11. (Previously presented) The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said

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reinforced material of said central layer of said sole is free from low melt fibers.

12. (Original) The protector pad of claim 11 wherein said superior layer (42) and inferior (46) layers are made of felt material.

5 13. (Original) The protector pad of claim 12 wherein said felt material consists either of polyester or natural fibers.

14. (Previously presented) The protector pad of claim 11 wherein said reinforced material is hardened felt.

15. (New) The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said grabbing member
10 hooks (36) providing a high shear resistance are having a mushroom shape.

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